GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:373
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2006
WELFARE SCHEMES FOR TEXTILES WORKERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a)Whether funds allocated in the budget for the various welfare schemes during the last three years were not fully utilised due to which workers interest has been adversely affected;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken to protect the interest of these workers;

(c) The number of dwellings units constructed under workshed-cum-Housing Scheme during each of the last three years and the extent to which these units have helped in improving the quality of life and earnings of artisans especially women, State-wise;

(d) Whether the Government has started Bima Yojana Scheme for handicrafts artisans to extend medical facilities to the artisans; and

(e) If so, the details thereof alongwith the achievement made under these schemes, State-wise

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 373 FOR 22.08.2006

(a) & (b) : The Government is implementing the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme to provide interim relief to textile workers rendered unemployed due to the permanent closure of any particular portion of or the entire textile unit. The funds allocated and their utilisation during the last three years is given in Table 1. Under the scheme, no targets for financial and physical progress are set and funds are utilised purely on a need basis. Besides, the Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare of artisans, weavers, shepherds, farmers etc. where the funds allocated during the last three years have been well utilized.

Table 1
S. No. Year Funds (In Rs. Lakhs)
Allocated Utilised

1. 2003-04 126.00 111.43

2. 2004-05 800.00 799.86

3. 2005-06 800.00 799.97

(c) : The Government is implementing the Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme for the welfare of handloom weavers. The number of dwelling units constructed under the Workshed-cum-Housing scheme during the last three years is given in Table

2. It is not possible to quantify how these units have helped in improving the quality of life and earning of artisans or women, State-wise.

Table 2 (In Rs. Lakhs) Year No. of Units sanctioned
2003-04 21,718 2004-05 12,008 2005-06 17,971

(d) : No, Sir.

(e) : Does not arise.